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SUBJ: TIJUANA LAND SETTLEMENT

REF: STATE 138335 OF 31 JULY 1972

1. EDWARD SCOFIELD, ATTORNEY FOR HEIRS, VISITED EMBASSY AND STATED EMPHATICALLY THAT HE HAS EXHAUSTED ALL LEGAL REMEDIES AND REQUESTED DEPARTMENT MAKE FORMAL INTERVENTION IN CASE. HE STATED COMPANY INMUEBLES CALIFORNIANOS, S.A. (ICSA) NO LONGER EXISTS AS A LEGAL ENTITY AND THEREFORE NO ACTION AGAINST IT POSSIBLE. HE ALSO STATED HIS MEXICAN ATTORNEYS HAVE DESERTED HIM, INDICATING TO HIM THEY WERE FORCED TO DO SO BY PRESSURE FROM VERY HIGHEST LEVELS OF MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. SCOFIELD STATED IF DEPARTMENT DOES NOT FORMALLY INTERVENE CASE IS DEAD.

2. SCOFIELD ALSO STATED THAT HE HAS EVIDENCE THAT OF THE 42 MILLION PESO AWARD MEXICAN GOVERNMENT GAVE ICSA TO "SETTLE ONCE AND FOR ALL" THE TIJUANA LAND DISPUTE, FIVE MILLION WENT TO GOVERNOR OF BAJA CALIFORNIA, FIVE MILLION TO A HIGH FEDERAL OFFICIAL IN MEXICO CITY AND THE REMAINDER DIVIDED UP AMONG VARIOUS MEXICAN ATTORNEYS AND OFFICIALS. FORMER PRESIDENT MIGUEL ALEMAN REPORTED BY SCOFIELD TO BE IN ON THE TAKE AS WELL. NONE OF THE SEVEN AMERICAN CLAIMANTS ICSA REPRESENTED RECEIVED A CENT. ACCORDING TO SCOFIELD, THE 45 MILLION WAS SIMPLY A PAYMENT TO GET ICSA TO DROP ITS CLAIM.
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3. ON JUNE 26, 1973, THE EMBASSY TRANSMITTED A NOTE AND AIDE MEMOIRE TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE REQUESTING INFORMATION ON TERMS OF SETTLEMENT WITH ICSA. TODATE, NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED. THE EMBASSY WILL, ONCE AGAIN, SEEK A REPLY TO THIS NOTE.

4. SCOFIELD STATES HIS CLIENTS WILLING TO SETTLE FOR FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS IN LONG-TERM MEXICAN SECURITIES DRAWING ONLY UPON INTEREST.

5. EMBASSY SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH SCOFIELD REGARDING ITS DECISION ON FORMAL INTERVENTION IN CASE.
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